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SUBJECT: GROUP TRAVEL: NORTH DAKOTA STATE

REF: STATE 40130, STATE 40156

1. WE HAVE PROCEEDED THUS FAR WITH SOME CARE AND
DELIBERATION ON TRADE GROUP VISITS TO JORDAN. INDEED,
CAREFUL PREPARATION FOR IOGA SOUTH CAROLINA GROUP
HAS BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR SOME TIME AND ARE IN OUR
JUDGMENT ABOUT ALL THE GOJ TRAFFIC WILL BEAR AT PRESENT.
WE HAVE REVIEWED INTERESTS OF NORTH DAKOTA GROUP
REFTELS AND FIND THAT WHILE SUPERFICIALLY THERE ARE
SOME POSSIBILITIES, PAST EXPERIENCE HAS TOLD US
THE LARGE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE
BEYOND PRESENT JORDANIAN CAPACITY TO DEVELOP AND
SOMewhat AHEAD OF PRESENT STATE OF THINKING.

2. WE HAVE ALSO NOT BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE ANYONE IN
GOJ WHO KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT THIS GROUP, AN EARLY
FATAL OMEN. (REQUEST DEPT/USDOC CONTACT GOJ
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND PUT US IN THE PICTURE
SOONEST.) FINALLY, HOTEL SITUATION IS TOUGH HERE
TOO AND NORTH DAKOTA GROUP SHOULD BE WARNED ABOUT
THIS AND HAVE IRONCLAD ASSURANCES BEFORE COMING HERE.

3. LEST ALL OF THIS SEEM TOO NEGATIVE, AMBASSADOR
PERSONALLY WELCOMES INTEREST OF NORTH DAKOTA GROUP
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AND ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN PROMOTING US-JORDANIAN

TRADE AND INVESTMENT TIES. HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT WANT EXPECTATIONS TOO HIGH, OR SERVICES TOO PRIMITIVE TO SOUR BOTH THEM AND JORDANIANS ON THEIR VISIT, A RESULT WHICH IS LIKELY GIVEN TOO HURRIED PLANNING. BUT IF GROUP COMES PREPARED TO SAMPLE JORDANIAN HOSPITALITY AND SIGHTS, AND DO SOME INITIAL PRELIMINARY EXPLORING OF THEIR INTERESTS IT MIGHT ALL WORK OUT.

4. EMBASSY ASSUMES PER PARA 7, STATE 040156, IT WILL NOT BE CALLED UPON TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE TRADE MISSION AND THAT NORTH RHETA GROUP UNDERSTANDS THIS. WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO GROUP BEING SHOWN THIS CABLE CN ITS ENTIRETY. PICKERING

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